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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LATIN SUSPENSION OF COFFEE SALES

REF: STATE 204149

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COFFEE OFFICE REPORTS SUSPENSION
OF SALES TO U.S. LASTED ABOUT 10 DAYS AND THAT IT WAS MORE
OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL MOVE THAN A REAL ONE. AT TIME OF SUS-
PENSION, COSTA RICA HAD VIRTUALLY NO UNCOMMITTED EXPORTABLE
SUPPLIES OF COFFEE.

2. THIS ACTION BY LATIN BLOC WAS EXPLAINED AS AN AID TO
SALES OF SALVADORIMN COFFEE THAT WAS IN NEW YORK AT THE
58.3, BUT UNSOLD. THERE WERE REPORTEDLY 2 LOTS OF 200,000
BAGS EACH. ONE LOT WAS EVENTUALLY MOVED TO TRIESTE
AND THE OTHER DISPOSED OF IN U.S. MARKET DURING SUS-
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PENSION BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: IF THIS EXPLANATION IS CORRECT, JOINT ACTION IN WITHHOLDING SALES OR SALES OFFERS TO NEW YORK MARKET REPRESENTED SOME DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN LATIN BLOC.

4. COSTA RICA IS CURRENTLY SELLING NEW CROP COFFEE TO U.S. FOR 1973-74, QUOTAS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS: 86 PERCENT FOR EXPORT, 7 PERCENT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION AND 7 PERCENT FOR RESERVE IN COMPLIANCE WITH PRODUCERS AGREEMENT. BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED RECORD PRODUCTION, 7 PERCENT OF THIS SEASON HARVEST IS SAID TO BE EQUAL TO 10 PERCENT OF RECENT 3-YEAR AVERAGE EXPORT VOLUME WHICH IS WHAT PRODUCERS HAD AGREED TO WITHHOLD ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE.
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